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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CALLS: YURIY A. IZRAEL

1. ON AUGUST 16, I PAID CALL ON DR. YURIY A. IZRAEL, WHO REPLACED ACADEMICIAN FEDOROV ON APRIL 9, 1974, AS CHIEF OF THE USSR MAIN ADMINISTRATION FOR HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES (HYDROMET). IZRAEL HAS ALSO SUCCEEDED FEDOROV AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. S.S. KHODKIN AND YU. YE. KAZAKOV ALSO PARTICIPATED IN MEETING. IN RESPONSE TO MY CONGRATULATING IZRAEL ON HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES, IZRAEL NOTED THAT HE WAS ESPECIALLY PROUD THAT HYDROMET WAS PLAYING SUCH AN ACTIVE ROLE IN EXPANDED COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. HE OBSERVED THAT SUCH COOPERATION, QUITE APART FROM THE SCIENTIFIC RESULTS ACHIEVED, HAS THE DESIRABLE AND VERY IMPORTANT BY-PRODUCT OF INCREASING THE DEGREE OF CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. I AGREED THAT SUCH INCREASED CONTACT AND COOPERATION WAS OF GREAT MUTUAL BENEFIT AND SAID THAT BILATERAL ACTIVITIES IN FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ARE ESPECIALLY

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RELEVANT NOT ONLY TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES BUT TO THE ENTIRE

WORLD. I NOTED THAT SOME U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALISTS WERE NOW VISITING USSR AND THAT SEVERAL MORE DELEGATIONS WOULD BE ARRIVING IN NEAR FUTURE. IZRAEL ASSERTED THAT THIS WAS GOOD EXAMPLE OF LEVEL OF ACTIVITY OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT AND ATTRIBUTED MUCH OF SUCCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION TO HYDROMET'S GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH EMBASSY.

2. IZRAEL CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO VISIT U.S. IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER, BUT CAUTIONED THAT RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIS NEW JOB HAVE NOT ALLOWED HIM TO MAKE FIRM DECISION YET.

3. IZRAEL SAID THAT HE WANTED TO PARTICIPATE IN SOVIET NATIONAL DAY CEREMONIES AT EXPO-74 IN SPOKANE, WHICH ACCORDING TO LETTER HE RECEIVED IN MARCH WOULD TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 23-24. I SAID MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE CORRECT DATE IS SEPTEMBER 19, BUT PROMISED TO CLARIFY QUESTION AND NOTIFY HIM. HE ADMITTED THAT HE WAS SOMEWHAT CONFUSED ON THE DATES, HAVING HEARD BOTH VERSIONS.

4. AS TO THE THIRD MEETING OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, IZRAEL SAID THAT (EPA ADMINISTRATOR) RUSSELL TRAIN HAD PROPOSED END OF OCTOBER FOR MEETING DATE, BUT SOVIET SIDE PREFERRED TO HOLD MEETING ANY TIME AFTER NOVEMBER 15 SINCE SOME SOVIET MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE WOULD BE IN SPOKANE IN OCTOBER. ALSO, SOVIET SIDE NEEDED MORE TIME TO PREPARE FOR MEETING.

5. DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO U.S., IZRAEL HOPES TO DISCUSS A) ALL MATTERS RELATED TO FORTHCOMING JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, B) STATUS OF ONGOING (JOINT AND INDEPENDENT) ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES BOTH IN US AND USSR, C) MATTER OF BIOSPHERE RESERVES PROJECT AGREED TO AT RECENT SUMMIT. IZRAEL SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THIS WAS TO BE A NEW PROJECT TO BE ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED UNDER AREA V (NATURE AND PRESERVES) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. HE SAID THE SOVIET RESERVES HAD NOT YET BEEN SELECTED, BUT HE FELT THAT THE NUMBER OF SITES SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO THREE OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOUR AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE VERY FAR FROM ANY PRESENT OR FUTURE CITIES OR DEVELOPED AREA. RESPONDING TO MY QUESTION WHETHER HE THOUGHT ANY MAJOR PROBLEMS EXISTED IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT, IZRAEL SAID THAT THERE WERE THE USUAL SMALL ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES THAT ARISE FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT THE ONLY QUESTION OF ANY REAL SUBSTANCE WAS THE LACK OF COORDINATION AMONG PROJECTS HAVING ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTER, BUT WHICH FALL UNDER

OTHER AGREEMENTS. HE SAID SUCH PROJECTS ARE BEING PURSUED UNDER US-USSR AGREEMENTS ON MEDICINE, AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, ETC., AND URGED THAT BETTER INTER-AGREEMENT "COMMUNICATION AND CONTACT" BE ESTABLISHED. HE PLANS TO RAISE THAT MATTER DURING HIS FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN. IZRAEL ALSO SAID THAT HE FELT CEQ SHOULD PLAY MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, AND, IN PARTICULAR, THAT GOVERNOR PETERSON PARTICIPATE IN ALL MAJOR MEETINGS.

6. TURING TO OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION, IZRAEL MENTIONED THAT THERE WAS DAILY EXCHANGE OF METEOROLOGICAL DATA, MUCH OF WHICH CAME OVER THE "HOT LINE."

7. WHEN WE FOUND THAT OUR LEADERS WERE NOT USING THE HOT LINE ALL THE TIME, WE DECIDED WE WOULD GRAB THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE IT FOR THIS PEACEFUL PURPOSE, HE SAID PROUDLY. I SAID THAT PEACEFUL COOPERATION WAS A CORNERSTONE OF US FOREIGN POLICY AND THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD STATED COMMITMENT TO CONTINUITY IN US FOREIGN POLICY. IZRAEL REPLIED THAT HE HAD HEARD PRESIDENT FORD WAS A "GOOD MAN" AND THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR BOTH OUR COUNTRIES TO MAINTAIN CONTINUITY IN OUR IMPROVED RELATIONS.  
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